

SAINT JOSEPH & SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-MARCH 2, 2025

CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH



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8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit.”
- Lk 6:43

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St. Joseph: We, the Church of Saint Joseph, are a Catholic, Benedictine faith community. Through our liturgy and faith formation, we build on a solid foundation as active witnesses of Christ, and we eagerly respond to the needs of the Parish and the global community.

St John the Baptist: We are a progressive Catholic Benedictine Community encountering Christ through the celebration of Word and Sacrament, one another, nature, and our thirst to create a just world.

MASS & RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

4:00 pm Reconciliation
Church of Saint Joseph

5:00 pm Mass † Bernie Schloemer
Church of Saint Joseph

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

7:45 am-8:15 am Reconciliation
Saint John the Baptist

8:30 am Mass for the people of the parishes
Saint John the Baptist

10:00 am Mass for the people of the parishes
Church of Saint Joseph

MONDAY, MARCH 3

No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 am Adoration before Mass 8:30 am
Mass † John Zipp
Church of Saint Joseph

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 am Mass for the people of the parishes
Church of Saint Joseph

5:30 pm Mass † Lorraine Cofell
Saint John the Baptist

7:30 pm Mass † Vernon Goebel
Church of Saint Joseph

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 am Mass †† Elmer & Agnes Heinen
Adoration After Mass until 10:00 am
Church of Saint Joseph

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

9:00 am Mass † Melvin Butkowski
Church of Saint Joseph

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

4:00 pm Reconciliation
Church of Saint Joseph

5:00 pm Mass † Bonnie Warner
Church of Saint Joseph

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

7:45 am-8:15 am Reconciliation
Saint John the Baptist

8:30 am Mass for the people of the parishes
Saint John the Baptist

10:00 am Mass † Regina Pirkl
Church of Saint Joseph

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

4:00 pm | Reconciliation (SJ)

5:00 pm | Mass (SJ)

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

7:45 am | Reconciliation (Mary Chapel SJB)

8:30 am | Mass

8:30 am | KC Breakfast (SJ-Heritage Hall)

10:00 am | Mass (SJ)

MONDAY, MARCH 3

8:00 am | Quilters (SJ)

9:30 am | Cribbage/500 (SJ-Heritage Hall)

7:00 pm | Social Justice Committee Meeting (SJB)

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 am | Mass (SJ)

1:30 pm | Enhanced Fitness (SJ)



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5-ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 am | Mass (SJ)

5:30 pm | Mass (SJB)

6:30 pm | Youth Group (SJ)

7:30 pm | Mass (SJ)

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 am | Mass (SJ)

1:30 pm | Enhanced Fitness (SJ-Heritage Hall)

3:00 pm | Weight Loss Support Group (SJ-Heritage Hall)

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

9:00 am | Mass (SJ)

After 9:00 am Mass | Friday Social (SJ)

10:15 am | Making Lent Real (SJ-Heritage Hall)

4:00 pm | Fish Fry at Sal's Bar (SJB)

7:00 pm | Stations of the Cross (SJ)

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

4:00 pm | Reconciliation (SJ)

5:00 pm | Mass (SJ)

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

7:45 am | Reconciliation (Mary Chapel SJB)

8:30 am | Mass

10:00 am | Mass (SJ)

ASH WEDNESDAY



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DAVID ORZECOWSKI

The Sunday Mass readings for the past three weeks have done a wonderful job of gently nudging us closer and closer to the beginning of Lent. We have heard Luke's version of "The Beatitudes," and the themes of loving others, including our enemies and of God's mercy toward all have been prevalent. This weekend, we hear about trees. Jesus reminds us that "every tree is known by its own fruit." In several weeks, on the Third Sunday of Lent, we'll hear about another tree, that of the fig tree which is given yet another chance to produce good fruit. I'm always comforted and given hope by these readings. They don't seem to get as much attention or "air time" as some of the more dramatic parables/stories, such as "The Prodigal Son" or "The Woman Caught in Adultery," both of which we will also hear on weekends this Lent. Rather, it's the quiet and unassuming quality of the fig tree which is so appealing to me, personally. All these stories remind us of our deep need for God's love and mercy, which give us hope. We come to see that, in the theatre of our spiritual lives, God is the main actor, not us.

There's an interesting quote by Mark Searle, which appeared in an article in "Assembly" magazine years ago. He says: "The purpose of the first part of Lent is to bring us to compunction. "Compunction" is...related to the verb, "to puncture" and suggests the deflation of our inflated egos, a challenge to any self-deceit about the quality of our lives as disciples of Jesus." Later, he says, "...Lenten penance may be more effective if we fail in our resolutions than if we succeed, for its purpose is not to confirm us in our sense of virtue, but to bring home to us our radical need of salvation."

Of course, none of this means that we should simply sit back and let God do all the work. Nor does it suggest that there's no point in making Lenten resolutions. No, we need to roll up our sleeves and be about the work of Lent! However, being reminded of God's love and mercy, through which He never gives up on us...and the assurance that Christ has indeed been victorious over sin and death in his Resurrection, (which we have also heard for the past several Sundays in the Second Readings from 1 Corinthians) is cause for great joy and hope! That is the theme of the Jubilee Year 2025: that we be "Pilgrims of Hope" and that we give witness to the virtue of hope.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The theme of today's gospel is integrity-being what we say we are in our actions. Jesus reminds us to see the beam in our own eye before we try to take out the splinter in the eye of another. We are called to be honest by letting our actions speak for the thoughts in our heart. This week we begin the season of Lent—a time of preparation for Easter. As we look at the beams in our eyes, we can use the discipline of Lent to help us to get rid of the beam. What in my life do I need to change? As we look to the parish activities for Lent, let us ask ourselves how we can best deepen our relationship with Jesus during this time. There is a presentation on MAKING LENT REAL on Friday, March 7th at 10 o'clock. Stations are held every Friday night at 7 p.m. See the Lenten list of activities for other opportunities.

Sr. Betty Larson, OSB



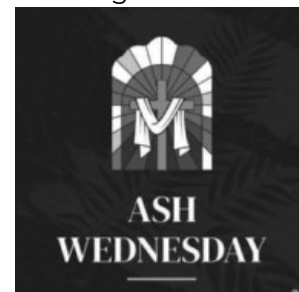
Readings for the week of March 2, 2025

- Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a) /1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
- Monday:** Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 /Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 /Lk 9:22-25
- Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 /Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Observances for the week of March 2, 2025

- Sunday:** 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
- Tuesday:** St. Casimir
- Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday
- Thursday:** Thursday after Ash Wednesday
- Friday:** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. John of God, Religious
- Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

All who are lonely, grieving or estranged, military men and women and their families, all the ill or suffering, people of the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, all farmers, healthcare workers and workers & volunteers in foreign lands.

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To add or remove a name for the Prayer Corner, call the parish office.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

May all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ACC/AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Lenten Stations, Soup and Speaker Series:
 Brought to you by the Social Justice & Ministry Committee. We have a variety of speakers planned for the 2025 Lent season, please plan to join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent at St. John's Parish Center in Collegeville. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 5:00 pm. A soup supper (and bread and desserts) will be served at 5:30 pm. Then, at 6:00 pm a speaker will offer short presentations that will help us better understand social justice issues and impacts on our own communities. All are welcome. Feel free to bring a friend. More details about the speakers and schedule will be published in our ACC Lenten Flyer.

All Things New: Honoring the past, inspiring the future.



Work continues for the diocesan-wide pastoral planning process: All Things New: Honoring the past, inspiring the future. In March, we focus on Sacramental Life. Please continue to pray the All Things New prayer, found at www.stcdio.org/planning or by scanning the QR code.



Collections for Laundry Love This weekend, March 1 & 2, both parishes will take a special collection to assist the Laundry Love ministry with helping residents with laundry at the Local

laundromat in St. Joseph. These 3.5 hour special evenings are twice a month, the first and third Tuesdays of the month. It allows low-income and/or no income neighbors to wash clothes and bedding. We provide quarters, dryer sheets and soap. Please plan on bringing a donation with you to Mass. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: Fr. Wil Illies Memorial Lecture - Sat, April 5th at 6:30 PM, Christ Church Newman Center Gerard Thomas Straub is this year's speaker at the annual Father Wil Illies "Heart Speaks to Heart" Memorial Lecture. Straub's multimedia presentation, "A Pilgrimage from Hollywood to Haiti: Searching for God through Poverty, Prayer, and Action" will feature selected clips from his films from impoverished areas around the world. Straub, who seeks the Face of God in the eyes of those experiencing poverty, will help us reflect on our own journey in making God's love real in our own ways. Join us on Sat, April 5th, at 6:30 pm, Christ Church Newman Center—Terrace, 396 1st Ave. S, St. Cloud. Free and open to all.

STEWARDSHIP	SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST Week of 2/23	SAINT JOSEPH Week 2/23
Adult Envelope Contributions	\$2,860.00	\$6,813.00
Plate/Loose Offering	\$93.00	\$479.00
Christmas	---	\$25.00
Building Fund	---	\$20.00
Green Special Needs	\$8.00	---
Ash Wednesday	---	\$25.00
Holy Land	---	\$5.00
Easter Flowers	---	\$5.00
On-Line Adult Contributions	---	\$1,719.50
Catholic Magazine	\$40.00	---
Children's Contributions	\$23.00	\$48.00
Budgeted Year to Date	\$80,858.00	\$462,227.90
Actual Year to Date	\$78,153.80	\$417,212.61

"We all have the duty to do good." Pope Francis
THANK YOU for your TIME, TALENT and TREASURE in building the KINGDOM of GOD.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

FAITH-FILLED FOR 150 YEARS



St. John the Baptist Sesquicentennial Reflecting on 150

Years: Excerpt from "Stones and Hills": "...The Benedictines worked diligently to administer the sacraments to the immigrant settlers as well as instructing them in reading, writing, and arithmetic. In the fall

of 1856, in the home of Joseph Edelbrock, the task of education first began in Stearns County. This was the first formal school and Fr. Cornelius Wittmann, OSB, was the staff. There were ten pupils, seven boys and three girls."

-March 16th Trivia: Join us on March 16th following 8:30 am Mass for parish Trivia. Prizes will be given. Teams of four will be formed, or come with your team together.

-Sesquicentennial Saint:

by Elleah Eiyneck, grade 9

St. Olivia of Palermo: She lived in the 400s A.D. She was born with great beauty and loved singing songs. During this time, many Christians were persecuted for their faith. She remained steadfast in her belief. She comforted, strengthened, and converted pagans to the Christian faith in the prison in Tunis. She is the patron saint of music and of Palermo, Italy. Her feast day is June 10th.

Prayer: Dear St. Olivia of Palermo, help me keep hope and faith when hard things come my way. Amen.

Person in the Cemetery with a similar

name: Olivia Eiyneck-Kimlinger, was a member of the St. John's Parish and my great grandmother. She had a smile which sparkled. She lived on Fruit Farm where my dad's Uncle Jeff and Sandy Eiyneck live now. She worked at St. John's Abbey her entire life as a seamstress for all the priest's cloaks and garments.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS: Please note that Ash Wednesday, March 5th will be **at 5:30PM** in the Parish Center. 8:30 am Mass that day will not take place at the Parish Center.

Liturgical Ministers:

Wed, March 5, Ash Wed 5:30 pm

Lector: Denis Hynes

Eucharist Ministers: Joyce Abeln,

Denis Hynes, Elaine Ormann

Lot Minister: Dan Ortloff

Sacristan: Dan Ortloff

Ushers: Joyce Alben & Arnie Sauerer

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Server: Bob Simon

Music: Susan & Tess

Sunday, March 9 8:30 am

Lector: Greg Hansen

Eucharistic Ministers:

Caroline Glatzel,

Tess Koltz, Greg Hansen

Lot Minister: Dan Ortloff

Sacristan: Bob Simon

Ushers: Dan Ortloff &

Alan Glatzel

Gift Bearers: Volunteers

Server: Bob Mayers

Music: Kathy, Mary & Karen

Faith Formation Corner at St. John the Baptist

March 16, 2025: Faith Formation

8:30-9:15am Grade 1-2 will assist

9:15-10:30am Faith Formation classes for grades Preschool-10th grade.

9:20-10:30am Adult Enrichment: **Sesquicentennial**

Trivia: Bruce Bechtold, who assists with Trivia at Milk and Honey Cider in the summer, will be running this event. Players are asked to form a team of 4 people. There will be prizes.

Upcoming Sessions:

March 23: Kids Fighting Hunger Rice Bag packing

March 31: Fr. Michael Peterson, O.S.B., will speak about Native American recorders

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Please hold the families of the following parishioners whose death anniversaries take place during the coming week in your prayers.

March 2, 1907

Crecentia Kremers

March 2, 1917

Elisabeth Bahner

March 3, 1896

John Strisner

March 4, 2004

Andrew W. Schrom

March 5, 1975

William Perlmutter

March 6, 1932

Barbara Schreiner

March 7, 1899

Jacob Zupan

March 7, 1946

Marlene Douvier

March 7, 2007

Alphonse Reisinger

March 7, 2024

Charles Lauer

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

FISH FRY DINNERS: Join us for our Lenten Fish Fry dinners served at Sal's Bar. Our designated parish Fish Fry Dinners will take place on Friday, March 7th and Friday, April 4th from 4:00-7:00pm at Sal's Bar in St. Joseph. Volunteers are needed, a sign-up sheet is posted on the parish bulletin board for both events. Each parish family is asked to bring a pan of bars or cookies to serve at these dinners.

Thinking about Spring Cleaning? Mark your calendars, our parish Rummage Sale will take place May 1 and 2. Donation drop-off days will be April 27, 28 & 29th from 1:00-7:00 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration Thursday March 13: Please plan to join us for some time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. A sign-up sheet is posted at both parishes for hour-long time slots. The Parish Center Chapel will be open for Adoration beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 4:30 pm with Benediction.

The 2025 Lenten Stations, Soup & Speaker Series begins on Wednesday, March 12 featuring theology professor Dr. Micah Kiel from St. John's on "Radical Ideas in Catholic Social Teaching." Please join us on any or all of the four Wednesday evenings for some wonderful soup (and bread and desserts!), good community-building conversations, and a great line-up of short presentations that will help us better understand social justice issues and impacts on our own communities. Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm, Soup at 5:30, speakers at 7:00 at the Parish Center. All are welcome!

Faith Formation –St. Joseph

March 5: Youth Night: 6:30-8:30 pm

March 9:

- “Coffee House” Youth Bible Study: 8:30 am—Heritage Hall (See Insert for more details)
- FF-Grades 9-10-11: 6:30-8:00 pm

March 12: Youth Night: 6:30-8:30 pm

March 16:

- FF: Grades 1-8: 8:45-9:35 am
- LOW: 10:00 am Mass
- FF: Grades 9-10-11: 6:30-8:00 pm

March 19: Adult FF Roundtable Reflections: 5:00-6:30 pm

March 23: LOW: 10:00 am Mass

March 26: Youth Night: 6:30-8:30 pm

March 28-30: Youth Castaway Retreat

March 30:

- FF: Grades 1-8: 8:45-9:35 am
- LOW: 10:00 am Mass
- FF: Grades 9-10-11: 6:30-8:00 pm

Making Lent Real

Mark your calendar. On Friday, March 7th at 10:15, following the Friday Social, Sister Betty will give a presentation on ways to make Lent more real. We are in the habit of making resolutions, but usually these are “giving up something”. What can we do positively during the days of Lent? Sister Betty will talk about Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving and how we can put these into a positive practice for Lent. Come join us.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

are needed for both of our Masses here in St. Joe this Wednesday, March 5. We have Mass at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm. Because Ash Wednesday falls during Spring Break for the schools this year, we will NOT have the help from students and teachers for the morning Mass, as we normally do. Therefore, we’ll need everyone to rally to fill a complete slate of ministers for **both** the morning and evening Masses. Sign-up sheets are on the counter in the East Entrance of church.

Doing Spring Cleaning?

Save your household items for our Garage Sale that will happen the week of May 11th. We will take: Household Items & Tools. We will not take: Furniture, Large Exercise Equipment, Electronics, NO Clothing. More information to come.

Anyone like to embroider?

The 4th of July Linen stand is looking for embroidered kitchen towels for this years celebration. Please consider making a set if you have time.



WEDDING BANNS

I Jason David Omann & Mary Gloria McSharry
March 22, 2025 (St. John’s Abby, Collegetown, MN)



SOCIAL SUNDAYS

We are looking for help for Social Sunday. These are the dates needed:

- 3/9
- 3/16
- 3/23
- 3/30

Everything is made beforehand. The only duties are plugging in the coffee pot (and turning it on) before mass, setting out the donuts and pouring lemonade and water and cleaning up at the end.

	Sat. March 8 5 pm	Sun. March 9 10:00 am
Sacristans	David Orzechowski	David Orzechowski
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Servers	Miles Yasgar Abram Fink	Aubree Miller Natalie Nix
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